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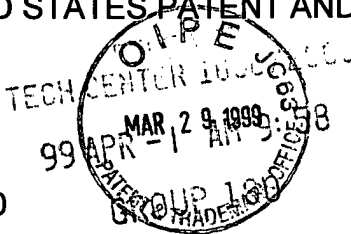
In re the application of:

JOSEL et al.

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For: OLIGOMERIC CARRIER MOLECULES WITH DEFINED INCORPORATED MARKER GROUPS AND HAPTEN



Group Art Unit: 1648

Examiner: J. Ricigliano

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 29, 1999

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 5, 1998, for two months from February 5, 1999 to April 5, 1999.

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of Three Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$380.00) to cover the cost of the extension. In the event that any additional fees are required with respect to this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 14-1060.

Respectfully submitted,

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